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port of Kingston, though it might be done with safety and impunity. I say this because of the difficulty of preventing seamen from knocking about indiscriminately and contracting disease. Coaling can be safely and cheaply done at Port Antonio. I procured there, for the Detroit, a rate of \$7.50 per ton from the Boston Fruit Company. My recommendation to Commander Dayton, at the time he called at Port Antonio, was to allow no liberty, and that his officers should not stop ashore over night, but in another month those restrictions will probably not be necessary.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

LOUIS A. DENT,
U. S. Consul.

Hon. WILLIAM R. DAY,
Assistant Secretary of State.

JAPAN.

Sanitary report for Japan.

YOKOHAMA, *December 28, 1897.*

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith my regular report of infectious disease for Japan for period, December 17 to December 27, inclusive.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Report of infectious disease in Japan, December 17 to December 27, 1897.

Locality.	Cholera.		Dysentery.		Smallpox.	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
Kioto Fu.....				4		
Osaka Fu.....	(a)					
Tokyo Fu.....			10			
Aichi Ken.....			5	2		
Akita Ken.....				1		
Awomori Ken.....			34	10		
Chiba Ken.....			49	20		
Fukui Ken.....	(a)		2	4		
Fukuoka Ken.....			2	4		
Fukushima Ken.....			1			
Gifu Ken.....			2	3		
Gumma Ken.....			15	3		
Hiogo Ken.....			3	4		
Hiroshima Ken.....			27	15		
Ibaraki Ken.....			2	2		
Ishikawa Ken.....	(a)					
Iwate Ken.....			12	10		
Kagawa Ken.....	(a)					
Kagoshima Ken.....			4	1		
Kanagawa Ken.....			7	4		
Kochi Ken.....			16	3		
Kumamoto Ken.....	(a)					
Miyagi Ken.....			3	4	2	3
Miyazaki Ken.....			11	1		
Miye Ken.....	(a)					
Nagano Ken.....			37	29		
Nagasaki Ken.....			100	14		
Nara Ken.....	(a)					
Niigata Ken.....			80	19		
Oita Ken.....			6	5		
Okayama Ken.....			13	7		
Okinawa Ken.....	(a)					
Saga Ken.....	(a)					
Saitama Ken.....			7	7	1	
Shidzuoka Ken.....			28	12		
Shiga Ken.....			5	4		
Shimane Ken.....			9	6		
Tochigi Ken.....	(a)					
Tokushima Ken.....			1			
Tottori Ken.....				1		
Toyama Ken.....			1			
Wakayama Ken.....	(a)					
Yamagata Ken.....			1	1		
Yamaguchi Ken.....			14	8		
Yamanashi Ken.....			7	4		
Yehime Ken.....			2	3	2	1
The Hokkaido.....					70	26
Taiwan (Formosa).....	(a)					
Totals.....						

a No report.

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

TURKEY.

Sanitary report from Constantinople.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 29, 1897.

SIR: I beg to forward to you herewith the report No. 182 of Dr. Zavitziano, the United States sanitary commissioner.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

JAMES B. ANGELL,
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary.

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.